



MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 11, 1897.

The republicans and their allies, the bolters, in Virginia have led the prejudiced Northern people to believe that elections in the State are fraudulent, and the republican newspapers of that section are now teeming with denunciations of the election laws of Virginia, which, though utterly ignorant of them, with characteristic recklessness they assert, deny the people of the State a free vote and a fair count. Every intelligent and disinterested man who will read the laws referred to, will see at once that no laws could have been conceived and formulated better calculated to secure to every man in the State the right to vote and to have his vote counted fairly. All people familiar with the true condition of affairs in Virginia laugh at the alleged charges of unfair elections here, while Mr. John Wise's statement that \$160,000 of Mr. Hanna's corruption fund was sent to the State last fall, and Captain Luty's assertion that he was cheated out of the nomination of the recent Lynchburg convention, remain uncontradicted.

THE REPUBLICANS in New York scout the idea that there are no politics in the approaching municipal election in that city and appeal to the sectional and partisan feeling of the members of their party there to rally once more for the defeat of the democrats, and thereby to strengthen those who favor the double price of the necessities of life and oppose the resumption of silver coinage, and who applaud the President for appointing negro officers in the South and refusing to appoint them in the North. But the bolters persist in the foolish pretense that there are no politics in the election referred to, and that only the question of good municipal government is involved. But it is observed that if they can injure the silver cause, they will be entirely content with high tariff, and with negro domination in the South.

THE RELEASE of a prisoner from a Spanish jail in Cuba by citizens of this country was a flagrant violation of the laws of Spain and of the United States, and the offenders deserve, and should receive, the full penalty thereof from both as soon as caught, and if the prisoner land here, she should be immediately arrested and sent back, if for no other reason than to show other countries that this one does not scout and flout all international obligations.

THE CONGRESS of Argentina has adopted the recommendation of the President of that country in favor of retaliating upon this one for the high tax imposed upon the wool and hides imported from that country. As nearly all the products exported from this country to Argentina are those of the North, few or none going from the South, the penalty is exacted from those by whom it is due.

WHILE FEW of the republican newspapers of Virginia endorse the action of the Lynchburg convention, nearly all of those of the North do. But as long as the anti-conventionists have the support of Mr. Hanna, they don't care a fig for either the approval or disapproval of Northern republican, or any other sort of newspapers. Nor is there any need that they should.

THE bolters of Baltimore have formed an open union with the republicans of that city. Their chief purpose is to defeat the democratic ticket, and though they profess to be opposed to a high tariff and to negro domination in the South, they do all they can to perpetuate the power of those who are in favor of both those objectionable policies.

BEAUFORT, S. C., is quite a large port and has a good deal of commerce. But Mr. McKinley has so little regard for the natural feelings of its people that he has imposed a negro postmaster upon them. But the bolters must think he is right, as they helped to elect him.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. Consul General Fitzhugh Lee arrived here last night and was at the State Department early this morning in conference with Assistant Secretary Day, leaving later for Warrenton, Va., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Eppa Hunton, jr. He will return to-night to advise further with officials here as to the Cuban situation. It is understood that the State Department is going over with General Lee and Mr. Hannis Taylor, ex-minister to Spain, the effect of the recent cabinet changes, and the result of General Weyler's withdrawal and his succession by General Blanco. The escape of Miss Cisneros from a Havana prison has been talked over also, the prevailing view being that it will not lead to an international complication. General Lee said to-day that he did not think any serious question would arise over the incident. Ex-Minister Taylor, when asked if international complications were likely to arise, answered: "I think not, and the probable result will be that Sagasta will give a royal decoration to those who have been good enough to rid Spain of this troublesome subject." Mr. Taylor is engaged in writing a review of

the political phase of the Cuban problem. It is believed here that the accession of Sagasta means a policy of delay, and that no definite policy for Cuba will be announced for some time. As evidence of this it is pointed out that Gen. Blanco will not leave for his post before the 15th or 20th instant. The trip from Barcelona to Havana will take about eleven days, so that the new Captain General will not reach Havana before the early part of next month. After that it is anticipated the Spanish cabinet will desire that General Blanco be given time to familiarize himself with the situation and his duties, and to mature the policy he is to apply to the island. The execution of that policy, an allowance of time for its trial, etc., according to those in a position to accurately judge the situation, will lead to protracted delays on those subjects to which the United States has already invited the attention of Spain.

The funeral of ex-Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, occurred this afternoon from the family residence on Vermont avenue. Senators Sewall and Smith, of New Jersey, and a number of old friends and associates of the Senator came from New Jersey to attend the funeral. The casket, bound in black broadcloth, with silver mounting, bore a plate with the inscription: "John Rodrick McPherson; May 1, 1839, October 8, 1897." On and about the casket were arranged many elaborate floral pieces. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Elliott, of Ascension Church, after which the cortege proceeded to Oak Hill Cemetery, where the remains were interred beside the Senator's children. The President to-day made the following appointments: H. N. McGrew, of Phoenix, Ariz., to be register of the land office at Salt Lake City; Fred B. Spriggs, of New York, to be agent for the Indians at the Nevada agency; Edward Goldberg, of Wichita, Kan., to be agent for the Indians of the Quapaw agency.

President McKinley at 9:34 o'clock to-day touched a telegraph key at the White House and opened the semi-centennial exposition at New Bedford, Mass. There was no ceremony connected with the opening here. A few moments after the opening the President sent a telegram to the exposition managers and received a reply.

The Monetary Commission reconvened to-day. Commissioners Leighton, Dean, Fish and Patterson were absent but all of them are expected to arrive within the next few days. Neither the metallic currency subcommittee nor that on the banking system are likely to meet before the last of the present week. About 100 communications on the general subject of currency reform have so far been received and to-day's meeting was largely taken up in their discussion.

Secretary Gage returned to Washington to-day after nearly a month's absence in the West.

The State Department has received word that Ali Ferouch Bey has been appointed Turkish minister to the United States to succeed Mustapha Bey. The new minister studied in Paris for five years and for two years was secretary of legation at London.

The cotton returns to the department of agriculture indicate an average condition on October 1 of 70.0 as compared with 78.3 on September 1, a decrease of 8.3 points.

The following postmasters of the fourth class were appointed in Virginia to-day: Disputanta, Joseph E. Parr; Norton, William M. Adams. That a friend of the Nicaraguan canal scheme would be appointed as a member of the Nicaraguan commission was anticipated when ex-Senator Miller arrived here last week and went to the White House. He and the President and Senator Aldrich and ex-Senator Hiscock composed a party of boon companions who always ate together when the President was in Congress. The concessions Nicaragua has made to an English syndicate for a canal will, it is said here, provoke another dispute with that country.

Congressman Rixey of the Alexandria district will call upon the Secretary of War next Friday and see if he can't induce him to allow the Theological Seminary branch of the Washington and Falls Church Railroad to run through the Arlington reservation, and also to allow that road to run its cars across the Aqueduct Bridge. In consequence of the opposition of the government to any of the proposed improvements in being talked of in that county, among them being the obstruction of the road to Fort Myer, which road has been made through private property without compensation and without due process of law.

Mr. McCaul, the republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, left here this morning for Louisa Court House, where Senator Daniel was booked to speak to-day.

People from Norfolk here to-day say the last building on Cobb's Island has been washed away by the sea and that the island itself is submerged except at low tide.

Attorney General Scott, of Virginia, was here to-day on business with ex-Solicitor Holmes Conrad, who is the government's counsel in the case involving the boundary lines of the Potomac river.

People from Culpeper county, Va., here to-day, say they don't think the republicans there will make any nominations for county officers. Able lawyers here say that if the woman who escaped from jail in Cuba shall land in this country, and the Spanish government shall make a demand for her rendition, that demand will have to be complied with. They also say that if the Spanish government shall call the attention of the State Department to the fact that Mr. Hearst, of New York, acknowledges that he was a party to the escape of the woman, referred to, it will be compelled to direct a U. S. district attorney to proceed against him for violating a U. S. law.

The October term of the U. S. Supreme Court began at noon to-day with Chief Justice Fuller and all the associate justices in their seats. No business was transacted beyond the admission of attorneys to the bar, the court adjourning until to-morrow in order to enable its members, in accordance with long established usage, to pay their respects in a body to the President. Before adjourning the Chief Justice announced that motions would be heard to-morrow, and that after those were made the call of the regular docket would begin. There were also admissions to the bar at to-day's sitting and Mr. Richards, the new solicitor General, was formally presented to the court by Attorney General McKenna. After adjournment the court took place in the Blue Room, and besides all members of the court there were present Attorney General McKenna, Solicitor General Richards and Mr. Gorrell Barnes, Judge Probate in England.

Mississippians here say that James Hill, the negro who has recently been appointed

register of the government land office there, will not be brought into much contact with the white people there, as but few of the countries now have any public land. Hill tried for a bigger office, but had to be content with that one, the pay of which is about twenty-five hundred dollars.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Three prisoners were publicly whipped at the post at Georgetown, Del., on Saturday.

The tramp steamship *Hesperides*, from Santiago, went ashore off Cape Hatteras yesterday evening and will prove a total loss.

Four cases of yellow fever have been discovered in Galveston. There are no signs of abatement of the plague in New Orleans and Mobile.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is said to be about to join issues with the Seaboard Air Line in its fight against the Southern.

The sixtieth anniversary of the death of Parnell was remembered in Dublin yesterday. There was a procession to the cemetery, where flowers were placed on the Irish leader's grave.

Senator Foraker, of Ohio, was the principal speaker at a republican meeting in New York on Saturday evening, which ratified the municipal nominations.

Charles J. Smith, a negro, who has just been appointed postmaster at Ragtown, La., has returned his commission to Washington, owing to the pressure brought upon him by the citizens of the place.

Gen. Primo De Reivera, captain general of the Philippine Islands, has tendered his resignation to the Spanish government, and it has been accepted. It is stated that Gen. Martinez Campos will succeed him.

Mrs. Langtry, the Jersey Lily, has caused to be published in London a statement contradicting the report that she is to be married to Prince Esterhazy. Her horses, it seems, are filling a larger place in her affections.

Fire which started at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, in Atkinson, Kan., destroyed property valued at \$75,000, about one-third of which was insured. Three thousand barrels of flour in a mill which was burned were destroyed.

The new Camden station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was opened to the public in Baltimore yesterday. There were no formal ceremonies. The station is located just east of the old passenger depot, which has for 45 years been known as Camden station.

Mrs. Kate Heim, wife of Fred Heim, of Baltimore, was killed in a collision between a carriage, in which she was seated, and a Point Breeze car of the Consolidated Railway Company, near Highlandtown, yesterday. Three other persons, her husband, son and a 12-year-old boy, were injured.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Archbishops of the United States will be held in Washington this week. Cardinal Gibbons will preside, and all the archbishops will be present but one. Part of the proceedings will have reference to a new plan of administration of Catholic Indian missions.

At Glenville, W. Va., on Saturday in the examinations in the Atkinson trial, Charles Lynch, of Clarksburg, who was administrator of Judge Camden's estate, was examined for the purpose of proving that Mrs. Atkinson transacted business for Judge Camden, her former husband, and that her authority to do so was at all times recognized. The statement of the witness was favorable to the point.

A large Croton water main burst early yesterday morning at the corner of Madison avenue and 48th street, the heart of the fashionable New York district, and wrought such havoc with property, both near and remote, that not even a partial calculation can be made of the financial damage at present. For blocks around scarcely a building escaped injury by reason of the volumes of water which poured into the streets, cellars and basements. The loss will reach far into the thousands.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The Spanish cabinet on Saturday evening signed the recall of Gen. Weyler from Cuba and the appointment of Gen. Ramon Blanco y Erenas, Marquis de Pena Plata, captain general of the Spanish army, is about sixty-five years old. He fought during the last civil war in Spain, and was made Marquis de Pena Plata for his victory over the Carlists.

Early in 1879 he succeeded Gen. Martinez de Campos in the governorship of Cuba, which he held until October, 1881, when he was appointed captain general of Catalonia. He was captain general of the Philippine Islands from 1894 up to December, 1896, when the religious societies in those islands caused his supersession by Gen. Polavieja. Blanco was then appointed chief of the Hun military campaign.

It is announced that the captain general of Porto Rico will be appointed acting governor of Cuba, pending the arrival of Marshal Blanco.

General Blanco will be accompanied to Cuba by Gen. Arderias, who is to act as second chief in command or deputy governor in place of the Marquis de Abamada; Gen. Gonzales Pardo, chief of staff, and Gens. Pando, Bernal and Canella.

In replying to a number of Cuban senators who had offered their support to the government, Premier Sagasta said in Madrid on Saturday that the government would devote itself, before all else, to the pacification of Cuba and would then introduce in the island a model administration.

In reply to an inquiry by Premier Sagasta of Gen. Weyler that he intended joining Don Carlos, the pretender, and endeavoring to hamper the liberals, Gen. Weyler has cabled the following statement to the government:

"The principles which constitute my character, as well as my well-known military history, are strong guarantees that I have never created, nor will I ever create, any difficulties for the constituted government, be that whatever it may."

If he always been, and in every case shall ever be, the first man to accept, respect, obey and enforce the government's orders. I would not allow any demonstration to go beyond the expression of personal affection and the approval of my policy."

Miss Florence Heim, who was for two terms postmistress at Elizabethtown, Ky., and who is said to have been the daughter of ex-Governor Heim, of Kentucky, died in New York to-day from the effects of morphia taken last week with suicidal intention.

Small pill, safe pill, best pill. DeWitt's Little Blue Pills cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache. Charles G. Lennan.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Newton Spencer Lloyd, a well known citizen of Lynchburg, died on Saturday aged 90 years.

Owing to the drought there is not a tobacco stalky at work in Lynchburg and the tobacco crop is at least 30 per cent. short.

Dr. Robert Bruce Bradford, a native of Culpeper, died Saturday at the Home of the Incurables, in Washington, from consumption of the bowels.

Mr. Joseph Clark, an aged and well known citizen near Capon bridge, died at his residence on Friday from the effects of the kick of a horse received on Wednesday.

Dr. John A. Cunningham, president of the State Female Normal School, at Farmville, died on Saturday night after an illness of only a few days. He was born in Richmond, June 24, 1845.

It is stated that the late Major Lewis Ginter, of Richmond, carried an insurance of \$250,000 on his life. These policies, it is understood, were all in favor of the estate, and hence will be paid to the executors.

Randolph Guggenheimer, who was born in Lynchburg, and who voted for President McKinley last fall, has been nominated by Tammany for president of the New York Council to succeed Colonel Ruppert, who withdrew from the ticket.

The Columbia football eleven met with a second defeat at Lexington on Saturday. This time the Virginia Military Institute beat them by a score of 14 to 4. At the University of Virginia the Virginia defeated St. Albans on Saturday by a score of 14 to 0.

Mr. W. W. Scott, State Librarian, has received from Mrs. Margaret D. Mason, of Charlestown, W. Va., a portrait of her brother, ex-Governor F. W. M. Holliday, painted by Mr. Thos. C. Corner, of Baltimore, which has been placed in the gallery of Virginia's Governors and other celebrities.

A letter from Fredericksburg says: "There are a great many apples being brought here for shipment to northern and western markets, where they are said to be bringing good prices. They are very cheap here. They scarcely pay for picking and hauling them to town. Inability to get barges greatly hampers the shipment of ties from this place. Ties continue to arrive here in large quantities every day, and the wonder is where they all come from."

Miss Jeannette S. Bradley, the accomplished daughter of Councilman William E. Bradley, of Fredericksburg, was drowned on Saturday. Miss Bradley left Fredericksburg on Saturday at noon with Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Tyler, on their yacht for a trip of three days on the Rappahannock river. They expected to spend yesterday at Tappahannock, and were near that place when Miss Bradley fell overboard at the rear of the yacht and was drowned.

THE FIGHT IN NINE STATES.

Elections will be held this November in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Kentucky, New York, Nebraska, Colorado and Massachusetts. In Massachusetts, Ohio, Virginia and Iowa Governors will be elected. In Maryland and Ohio a special national interest is involved on account of a United States Senator having to be elected from each of those States. Kentucky will elect a Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Pennsylvania elects State Treasurer and Auditor General. Nebraska elects a Judge of the Supreme Court and Regents of the University. Colorado elects a Chief Justice. New York elects a Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, a new Assembly and the first municipal officers of Greater New York city.

The greatest interest attaches to Ohio, Maryland and New York. In Ohio the democrats have endorsed the Chicago platform, and the silver forces are contending for the establishment of their doctrine and the election of a Senator. The republicans are making a square fight for the present gold standard, for republican principles, and for the election of Mr. Hanna to the Senate. The indications are that the republicans will carry the State.

In Maryland the important fight is over the Senatorship. The republican factions are more or less at outs on account of the successful resistance to Mr. Wellington's attempt to establish a republican bossism.

In New York the situation is even more mixed than in Maryland. The democrats are divided into silver, gold factions, Tammanyites and anti-Tammanyites. The republicans have to contend with a division of their forces on account of the independent nomination of the citizens' union in New York city, and with a small fragment of the anti-Platt republicans.

The interesting feature of the Massachusetts election is found in the fact that the democrats have come out squarely for the Chicago platform. The interest is in knowing how large a vote the silver democrats can get in Massachusetts.

In Iowa very important local considerations enter into the fight. The democrats, in addition to making a fight on the old Bryan lines, are attacking the record of the present republican State officers, accusing them of extravagance, etc. The chances of success are with the republicans.

In Nebraska the democrats, populists and silver republicans are united, and it is generally expected that they will win. Senator Thurston has gone into the Ohio campaign, as affording the more profitable service to his party.

In Kentucky the most interesting feature of the fight is the struggle between Blackburn and his silver followers and the Carlisle-Lindsey gold democrats.

In Virginia the democrats will elect the Governor and the Legislature, which will re-elect Senator Daniel.

In Colorado there is a great mix-up among the silver forces. The silver democrats have nominated a gold man for chief justice, and the nominee of the silver republicans has accepted a nomination also from the regular republicans.

MASSONIC.—The centennial and thirtieth triennial convention of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States will begin to-day at Masonic Temple in Baltimore. The General Grand Council Royal and Select Master Masons will also meet at the same time, the sessions of both continuing until Friday. The event will be of importance and significance for the Masons throughout the country, and many hundreds of that great body and their friends and families are expected to assemble in Baltimore.

J. M. Thirswend, of Groesbeck, Tex., says that when he has a spell of indigestion, and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Blue Pills at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of all kinds of sores and skin troubles, Charles G. Lennan.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The son of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, born on September 18, will be baptized on Saturday next at the Chapel Royal, St. James' Palace. The Prince of Wales will act as sponsor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 11.—During an ascent of Mount Ararat, Armenia, by members of the recent Geological Congress, Dr. Stoerber, a professor of medicine, was frozen to death.

DUBLIN, Oct. 11.—The first general national convention of the Irish Independent League, organized by John Redmond, M. P., the Parnellite leader, opened this afternoon. Eight hundred delegates packed the hall. Mr. Gladstone was hissed when Mr. Redmond characterized him as "the Englishman who betrayed Ireland." All the speeches paid tribute to the late Charles Stewart Parnell, and warm cheers greeted the entrance of the Redmonds, John Parnell and Patrick O'Brien into the hall.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The secretary of the Federated Trades, comprising thirty important industries, announces that the executive committee has definitely decided to call out all its members, in sympathy with the struggle of the engineers against their employers, on Friday next, when it is estimated that a total of 400,000 men will be out of work on account of the great labor dispute.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—An official telegram received here from Yokohama said that Japan had accepted the invitation to send a representative to the sailing conference soon to be held in Washington, on the understanding that the whole sailing question is to be discussed and not simply the questions which are covered by the Paris award, Japan having no interest in the Pribylov Islands.

Cuba's New Captain General. MADRID, Oct. 11.—General Ramon Blanco, the new captain general of Cuba, announces that he will act with great energy against the insurgents and will employ all political means to restore equality of treatment in the various sections of the community. The captain general adds that he has the greatest desire to end the horrors of war and to establish peace by the system which he adopted in 1879. The inhabitants of Palma, the birthplace of General Weyler, are preparing to give him an ovation on his return from Cuba.

The new captain general of Cuba had a long conference with the Queen Regent to-day. The Spanish party of Cuba, the commercial association of Havana and the independent party of Porto Rico have cabled to the government assuring it of their support. A cable message has been received from Gen. Weyler saying that he embarks for Spain on October 20, the first steamer sailing on that date. The cabinet ministers at the meeting held to-day discussed the questions of financing the Cuban and Philippine Islands' military operations, etc.

The Luetger trial. CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Despite a drizzling downpour of rain to-day the crowd which reached the criminal court building to be present at the opening of the eighth week of the Luetger murder trial was no less in numbers than upon other mornings. Luetger expressed his pleasure over the fact that to-day marked the opening of the last week of his trial.

The Luetger trial came to a sudden and unexpected close to-day. Witness which the defense had called in surreptitious failed to respond when their names were called and finally ex-Judge Vincent announced to the court that the case of the defense was all in.

It was agreed to begin arguments to the jury this afternoon. A letter addressed to Chief of Police Kiple and purporting to be from Mrs. Louise Luetger was received at police headquarters to-day. The letter was dated October 9 and was sent from New York city. Little, if any, attention will be paid to it by the police.

The Fever Situation in the South.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 11.—The fever situation was very quiet here this morning. Six new cases were reported during the morning. A heavy rain and thunder storm prevailed during the night, and completely flushed the gutters and cleaned the streets while tempering the atmosphere. There are now 31 patients in the isolation hospital. Forty-seven have been received since the opening of the institution, but there have been several deaths and several discharges.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the Board of Health announced 18 new cases and 2 deaths. At Mobile 5 new cases but no deaths were reported.

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 11.—Several

places in the State have quarantined against Galveston because of the report that yellow fever exists there.

Murder and Suicide.

LEOMINSTER, Mass., Oct. 11.—John F. Boynton, a well known resident of this place, shot and killed his wife to-day and then committed suicide by shooting.

Family troubles are believed to have been the cause of the act. The Boyntons have from time to time lived in the family. About six years ago Boynton was committed to an asylum for treatment for a mild form of insanity, but he was discharged after about four months apparently cured. During the past few weeks he had shown peculiar mental symptoms, but was not thought to be seriously affected.

Tour of Inspection.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11.—President Frank Thompson, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Vice Presidents Green and Pugh and several of the directors and other executive officers of the company left here at 7:30 o'clock this morning on the annual tour of inspection of the property of the company's vast system. The trip will cover 3163 miles.

J. Clifton Wheat, of the Wheat Drug Company, was assaulted in his store in Winchester, Va., on Saturday by a tobacco drummer, F. W. Bethell, of St. Louis. Bethell went in the Wheat drug store and accosted Mr. Wheat who was standing behind the counter in the usual manner of a drummer, and requested orders. "No," said Wheat, "Your firm treated me dirty, and I don't wish to have any business with you or them." The words were scarcely spoken before the drummer vaulted across the counter and commenced pummeling Mr. Wheat. After a severe struggle they were finally parted. Bethell was arrested and fined \$450, which he paid and left the town.

It is claimed that Dr. Sanarelli, of Montedidio, has discovered a curative serum for yellow fever.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all kinds of sores and skin troubles. Charles G. Lennan.

Important Meeting.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 11.—One of the most important conferences in the history of Illinois is to be held in this city to-day at which a plan to negotiate a federation will be discussed and adopted. Four international conventions have declared for closer federation of the railroad brotherhoods. The one not included is the Brotherhood of Engineers. Fully 100,000 men in the United States, Canada and Mexico will be affected.

The Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Wheat was weak at the opening, affected by the general rains West and the apparent complete breaking up of the drought. This started December at 91.91 1/4 and showed a 1c decline from Saturday's curb price. December rallied to 91.91 1/4 from the opening decline, eased off to 91.91 1/4 and advanced to 91.91 1/4. It reacted later to 91.91 1/4. Corn opened easier on the breaking of the drought, December starting at 28 1/4, a decline of 1/4. The market soon improved in sympathy with wheat, December advancing to 29, and reacted later to 28 1/4. Oats followed the fluctuation of corn in a quiet way. December was nominally 1/4 higher at 19 1/4. May opened 1/4 lower at 22c and advanced to 22 1/2c.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Jeremiah L. O'Sullivan, the well-known politician of Lawrence, Mass., died last night at Asheville, N. C.

Rain is falling generally to-day throughout the parched belt of the western States and the long and disastrous drought has at last broken.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York this morning per steamer Manitobas, from London, were Bishop Paret, of Maryland, and Miss Paret.

After a delay of more than 18 months A. K. Ward, who is under 96 indictments, charging forgery and embezzlement, securing thereby \$25,000, was placed on trial at Memphis, Tenn., this m. rning.

The Naumkeag mills, at Salem, Mass., which for more than a year have been running four days a week, started on full time in all departments to-day. About 1,500 skilled operatives are employed by the company.

Dr. J. T. Monroe, of Union, S. C., committed suicide in Atlanta, Ga., last night by cutting his jugular vein with a small pocket knife. Dr. Monroe was one of the most prominent physicians in his section, but for several years had been a victim of both morphine and whisky habits.

The Windsor Hotel, the leading hotel of French Lick, Ind., was destroyed by fire this morning about 3 o'clock and will be a total loss, together with its contents. The telephone office, News office, cold storage building, bakery, bath rooms and kitchen were a total loss. The loss will reach \$40,000. No casualties are reported.

A car on the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Electric Railway jumped the track at a bridge about two miles from Waterloo, Iowa, this morning, rolling down an embankment. The fourteen passengers in the car were badly shaken up, three or four of them quite seriously. W. H. Morton, a travelling man, was rendered unconscious and it is feared his injuries are fatal.

About 7 o'clock last night E. P. Huntman with his wife drove up to the Union Ridge, N. C., church in a wagon to attend a Quaker meeting. As Mrs. Huntman was alighting a bolt of lightning struck a tree, giving her such a severe shock that she died an hour afterwards. Many others were seriously injured and are not expected to live. Many women fainted and the people were in a high state of excitement all night.

Bob Carter, a negro, killed James Burch in a Brenham, Tex., saloon last night and then started to the jail to surrender. To-day his body was found riddled with bullets and buckshot lying about 100 yards back of the jail. A mob of unknown persons had pursued and killed him.

The drought just broken in the southwest and west has for severity and wide area of country affected, never been equalled in the period covered by authoritative record in this country.

The Citizens of Ponton county, Ark., have

organized an anti-theft stealing association. The members swear to kill horse thieves in their own harbor.

There is a case of yellow fever in Baltimore harbor.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

The Lamb republicans have established headquarters in Richmond and commenced regular work for the campaign. Colonel Williams F. Wickham, the recently elected State chairman of the Lamb faction of the party, on Saturday issued the following address:

To the Republican Voters of Virginia: In response to, and in consequence of, the almost universal demand therefore, both in Virginia and in other States, where our actions were being watched, a convention of Virginia republicans assembled at Lynchburg, Va., on October 5, 1897.

This convention, composed of upwards of 800 delegates, all republicans, tried and true, and representing every section of Virginia, with absolute unanimity, determined that the great body of Virginia republicans would not be willing to surrender their principles, and retire from action before the first gun was fired, but demanded that a full gubernatorial ticket be placed in the field this fall.

The convention then nominated as our standard bearer Hon. P. H. McCaul, of Culpeper, for Governor; Hon. O. B. Roller, of Rockingham, for Lieutenant-Governor, and Hon. James Lyons, of Richmond, for Attorney-General—all true republicans, devoted to the building up of our party in the State, and removing all factional differences.

The convention also selected the undersigned as chairman of the